(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government has been receiving demands for job leservation on various grounds, for le, from the National Federation of the Blind (for increased reserva'ion in Group C and D and rservation in Groups A&B), Akhil Bhartiya Vishwakarma Panchal Mahasabha (for 10 per cent reservation for Artisans in various Government Bodies), the Vanniyar Sangam (for 2 per cent reservation in Central Govt. jobs) etc. These demands are examined and suitable decisions taken.

Rural and urban candidates for IAS and other allied services

702. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the percentage and ab solute number of rural and urban candi- ' dates selected in the 1986 and 1987 yeai lution for IAS and other allied

(b) whether age limit of 26 years has been considered satisfactory; and

(c) whether Government are considering to increase the age limit for future examinations

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MTNTSTPY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS <; (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) The Union Public Service Commission had analysed the data furnished by 856 can-. dida'es who had qualified for appointment on the results of the Civil Services Exa-mination, 1986. 68 per cent (584) candidates had indicated their places of birth in rural areas and towns. 56 per cent (481) candidates had indicated that their parents/guardians had lived in rural areas and towns during the previous 15 years. 57 per cent (486) candidates had indicated that they had studied upto Higher Secondary level in the rural areas and towns.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir,

French offer for Nuclear Plant in India

703. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will I NISTER be pleased *to* state:

(a) v that during the recent visit of President Mitterrand ot France in the bilateral talks between our Prime Minister and President Mitterrand there was an offer for setting up of nu« clear power plant in India by France wi'h latest design; and

(b) if so. whether any agreement in this regard was concluded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No such offer came up in the talks b the Prime Minister and the Presicl

(b) Does not arise.

Collaboration with France for Space Studies

704. SHRl V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent visit of President of France, there